

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, and 19-21 are now present in this application.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended, claims 8 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 20 and 21 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seong, U.S. Patent 5,606,296. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6, 10-11, 14, 16, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Seong in view of Hoffman, U.S. Patent 5,457,435. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15 and 18 as containing allowable subject matter. Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejections, but simply to expedite prosecution of this application, it is noted that the limitations of objected-to but allowable claims 8 and 18 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 10, respectively. It is additional noted that new claims 20 and 21 contain limitations from objected-to but allowable claims 3 and 13, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(b) and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

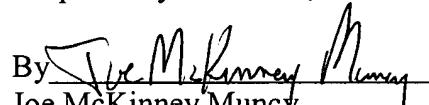
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